

ORIGINAL

**RESOLUTION 2011- 24
(SEE ATTACHED AMENDMENT)**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF
STATE ROUTE 22 FROM EAST OF MARTIN TO UNION CITY
AS AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY LINK TO I-69**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, the U. S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Tennessee Department of Transportation are in the process of designating a route for Interstate 69 through West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 69 has been approved to follow the corridor of U. S. Highway 51 through Obion and Dyer counties; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee State Route 22 is constructed as an interstate-grade freeway from east of Martin to the interchange of that highway with U.S. 51, thus providing a continuous freeway link from Weakley County to the corridor designated for the location of Interstate 69; and

WHEREAS, such a designation of existing highway will require no construction of new highway miles, as State Route 22 is already engineered as interstate-grade highway; and

WHEREAS, such a designation would provide Everett-Stewart Airport, a facility shared by Weakley and Obion Counties, and part of the federal transportation system with a federal highway link; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee at Martin is the State of Tennessee's higher education institution for Northwest Tennessee, and a federal interstate highway link to Martin would be in the interest of the institution and Northwest Tennessee residents; and

WHEREAS, Weakley County is without a so-designated highway on the federal interstate system and is served by only one federal route U.S. 45E, which is a north-south corridor, and such a designation of "I-169" would provide an east-to-west federal corridor; and

WHEREAS, the designation of State Route 22, from Martin to Union City, as an interstate highway link to Interstate 69 would contribute to the economic prosperity of all Weakley County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Weakley County Board of Commissioners, at its regular session on this 31st day of January, 2011 that the Weakley County Commission supports the designation of State Route 22 from Martin to Union City, as an interstate highway direct link to Interstate 69.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Weakley County Commission supports the I-69 project through West Tennessee and is pursuing this re-designation of existing highways as a means to provide economic development for Weakley County by having a direct link to I-69, with the understanding that the designation would be a three-digit interstate highway number, tentatively referred to locally, as "Interstate 169."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Bill Haslam, the Department of Transportation Commissioner, the House Transportation Committee Chairman, Senator Roy Herron, and Representative Andy Holt.

**RESOLUTION 2011-24
(AS AMENDED)**

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF
STATE ROUTES 22 AND 43 FROM SOUTH EAST AND SOUTH OF MARTIN
TO UNION CITY AS AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY LINK TO I-69**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Tennessee Department of Transportation are in the process of designating a rout for Interstate 69 through West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Intestate 69 has been approved to follow the corridor of U.S. Highway 51 through Obion and Dyer counties; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee State Routes 22 and 43 is constructed as an interstate-grade freeway from south and east of Martin to the interchange of that highway with U.S. 51, thus providing a continuous freeway link from Weakley County to the corridor designated for the location of Interstate 69; and

WHEREAS, such a designation of existing highway will require no construction of new highway miles, as State Route 22 is already engineered as interstate-grade highway; and

WHEREAS, such a designation would provide Everett-Stewart Airport, a facility shared by Weakley and Obion Counties, and part of the federal transportation system with a federal highway link; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee at Martin is the State of Tennessee's higher education institution for Northwest Tennessee, and a federal interstate highway link to Martin would be in the interest of the institution and Northwest Tennessee residents; and

WHEREAS, Weakley County is without a so-designated highway on the federal interstate system and is served by only one federal route U.S. 43E, which is a north-south corridor, and such a designation of "I-169" would provide an east-to-west federal corridor; and

WHEREAS, the designation of State Routes 22 and 43, from Martin to Union City, as an interstate highway link to Interstate 69 would contribute to the economic prosperity of all Weakley County residents,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Weakley County Board of Commissioners, at its regular session on this 31st day of January, 2011 that the Weakley County Commission supports the designation of State Routes 22 and 43 from Martin to Union City, as an interstate highway direct link to Interstate 69.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Weakley County Commission supports the I-69 project through West Tennessee and is pursuing this re-designation of existing highways as a means to provide economic development for Weakley County by having a direct link to I-69, with the understanding that the designation would be a three-digit interstate highway number, tentatively referred to locally, as "Interstate 169."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Bill Haslam, the Department of Transportation Commissioner, the House Transportation Committee Chairman, Senator Roy Herron, Representative Andy Holt and Congressman Stephen Fincher.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon the passage by a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners of Weakley County, Tennessee.

Pursuant To The Rules Of The Commission, This Resolution Is Sponsored By The Following Members Of The Weakley County Board Of County Commissioners:

SPONSORED BY:

David Hawks

SPONSORED BY:

James H. Westbrook, Jr.

ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

James H. Westbrook, Jr.
Chairman, Hlth, Edu., & Econ. Develop. Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Hawks (As Amended) that the foregoing resolution be adopted:

Motion seconded by Commissioner Holt (As Amended).

Upon being put to a roll call vote, Motion carried by a vote of 17 Yeas, 1 Nays,
0 Passed and 0 Absent.

ATTESTED:

Pat Scarbrough
Pat Scarbrough, County Clerk

APPROVED:

James H. Westbrook, Jr.
James H. Westbrook, Jr., Chairman

THIS THE 31st DAY OF JANUARY, 2011.

APPROVED:

Houston Patrick
Houston Patrick, County Mayor

VETOED:

Houston Patrick, County Mayor

DATE:

02-09-11

DATE:
